WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Villages without drinking water in Gujarat

*25. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was recently conducted by Government to identify the villages in Gujarat which lack adequate drinking water;

(b) if so, the number of such villages in each district and also the steps proposed to be taken to provide drinking water in each village in the State; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government to the State Government to provide drinking water during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) The survey for identifying problem villages was conducted by the State of Gujarat and 5,318 villages were identified as problem villages as at the beginning of the Sixth Plan. 4,492 problem villages were provided drinking water during the Sixth Plan period. The district-wise breakup is given in the Statement (*see below*).

2. Owing to the change in the status of ground water in many areas of the country, the States were requested to conduct fresh surveys during the Sixth Plan. Government of Gujarat has identified 5,230 additional villages as problem villages based on the fresh survey. Accordingly, Gujarat has 6,076 problem villages to be covered during the Seventh Plan.

3. Provision of drinking water is the responsibility of the States and water supply schemes are formulated and implemented by the States. Provision for this is made in the State Sector Minimum *Needs Programme (MNP). The Centre* is assisting the States in providing drinking water in rural areas through assistance given under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWP). Details of financial assistance given to Gujarat under ARWSP are given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Period	Amount of assistance
1980-85 (Sixth Plan)	64·92
1985-86	8·52
1986-87	10·16 (Allocation)
	5·08 (Released)

Statement

Statement showing District-wise break-up of Problem Villages covered as reported by State Government

Sl. No.	District	No. of problem villages as on 1-4-80	No. of Problem Villages covered during VIth Plan (1980-85)
GUJARAT STATE			
1	Ahmedabad	171	154
2	Amreli	167	78
3	Banaskantha	315	243
4	Baroda	406	330
5	Bharuch	361	328

Sl. No.	District	No. of problem villages as on 1-4-80	No. of Problem Villages covered during VIth Plan (1980 85)
6	Bhavnagar	219	234
7	Bulsar	490	493
8	Dang	43	79
9	Gandhinagar	11	27
10	Jamnagar	165	196
11	Junagarh	410	252
12	Kheda	263	199
13	Kutch	402	152
14	Mehsana	191	173
15	Panchmahal	516	447
16	Rajkot	275	231
17	Sabarkantha	376	276
18	Surat	335	350
19	Surendranagar	202	250
	TOTAL	5318	4492

*Includes partial coverage.

Corruption in Selection of T.V. Serial Scripts

*26. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item which appeared in News Time, published from Hyderabad, dated 20th June, 1986, under the caption "Corruption in T.V. script selection";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against the concerned Doordarshan officials;

(c) the number of TV serial scripts which are pending with Doordarshan at Mandi House in New Delhi for approval and clearance and the time since when these are pending and the reasons for this non-clearance; and

(d) whether Government are taking steps to clear promptly the TV serial scripts which are pending with Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The article contained allegations against Doordarshan staff, outside Producers, and Advertising Agencies and Ministries in the matter of approval of sponsored programmes as well as for accumulation of large number of scripts. The charges are vague and unsubstantiated. The author has not furnished any specific information or reliable evidence to justify action.

(c) During the period from 1st May, 1985 to 7th May, 1986 Doordarshan received 1675 proposals, out of which 800 have been considered.